

### Web Chat Questions:

1. 8/19/2014 9:57 Maria Redini: On page 11, the SCA mentions the Ministry of Youth, Sport and Culture. We don't believe that this ministry exists as such. We would appreciate it if USDOL could confirm that engaging this ministry is not a requirement, or provide applicants with the appropriate name of the federal agency that USDOL encourages applicants to engage?
  - a. As indicated on page 11 of the SCA, "Applicants should seek opportunities to coordinate and/or collaborate, as appropriate, with relevant government ministries at the national, regional, and local level."
2. 8/19/2014 10:01 Guest: SCA-14-20 Questions: On page 24 the solicitation states that "The outputs-based budget must correspond to the SF-424 and SF-424A" However, the cost categories in the SF-424A do not correspond by outputs but rather function. Could the DOL please provide an illustrative detailed budget template that demonstrates how you would like to see this linked?
  - a. DOL recognizes that categories in the SF424a may differ from categories in the outputs-based budget. However, if the titles in categories differ, they should reflect a consistent proposed use of funds. For a sample outputs-based budget, please visit <http://www.dol.gov/ilab/grants/SGAguidelines.htm>.
3. 8/19/2014 10:03 Cassandra: Project to Address Exploitative Child Labor in Ethiopia SCA-14-20: On page 28 the solicitation states that "The approved current NICRA rate will be used to set a ceiling for indirect costs in the cooperative agreement." Would the DOL accept proposed a yearly indirect cost rate ceiling for years two through four?
  - a. The applicants should propose a NICRA rate that reflects their current NICRA. During the life of the project, a grantee may request a change to indirect cost ceiling which would be considered by DOL at that time and subject to DOL approval.
4. 8/19/2014 10:19 Maria Redini: Project to Address Exploitative Child Labor in Ethiopia SCA-14-20: Question: On page 20, applicants are required to submit six reference projects. Can USDOL confirm if applicants are required to include reference projects for sub-grantees? Can USDOL confirm if applicants are required to submit 6 reference projects per partner or in total? As noted on page 20 of the SCA, Applicants are required to submit "no more than a total of six (6) references/projects." Applicants should prioritize references for the primary applicant(s) and their primary subawardees engaged in providing direct intervention services.
5. 8/19/2014 10:27 Etienne: SCA 14-20 - Project to Address Exploitative Child Labor in Ethiopia: Question: Given the incidence of overage children throughout the education system in Ethiopia, are we expected to target youth (14-17 years of age) that may still be in primary school?
  - a. Youth (14-17 years of age) that are enrolled in primary school can participate in program activities. Applicants should describe their proposed strategy in this regard.
6. 8/19/2014 10:38 Guest: SCA 14-20: Project to Address Exploitative Child Labor in Ethiopia. Please confirm if applicants are to provide six PPRs in total or up to six for the applicant and each subgrantee/subcontractor.
  - a. As noted on page 20 of the SCA, Applicants are required to submit "no more than a total of six (6) references/projects." Applicants should prioritize references for the primary applicant(s) and their primary subawardees engaged in providing direct intervention services.
7. 8/19/2014 10:40 Emily: SCA-14-20: On Page 25, it states that \$70,000 to support external evaluations is to be included in the budget for M&E. Please clarify that this amount will cover the

"certain support costs" described in that paragraph. Can the \$70,000 for the external evaluation costs be counted towards the required 8% M&E budget amount?

- a. Allocations associated with M&E must include "at least \$70,000 to support the external interim and final implementation evaluations." The following support costs are covered in this amount: translation of the evaluation report from English into the local language, providing ground transportation for the external evaluator, hosting an evaluation stakeholders meeting, and in-country transportation and accommodation costs for staff and other stakeholders' participation in the meeting. As for your second question, yes, the external interim and final implementation evaluations would count towards the minimum of 8 percent of the project budget to cover the costs associated with project M&E activities.

8. 8/19/2014 10:58 Guest: Project to Address Exploitative Child Labor in Ethiopia SCA-14-20:  
Question: Can you please offer a list of required annexes that do not count towards the 50 page limit?

- a. Below is the list of required annexes that do not count towards the 50 page limit:
  - i. Results Framework. (pg. 20)
  - ii. Work Plan. (pg. 20)
  - iii. Documents that demonstrate country presence and corroborate host government support. (pg. 21)
  - iv. Project management organization chart. (pg. 21)
  - v. Signed letters of commitment from all proposed key personnel. (pg. 21)
  - vi. One-page personnel description outlining roles and responsibilities for each key personnel and professional personnel position specified in the proposal. (pg. 21-22)
  - vii. One-page résumé for all positions designated as key personnel and any other professional personnel being proposed. (pg. 22)
  - viii. Copy of the opinion letter(s) and a summary of audit findings for the Applicant and all subgrantees/subcontractors providing services related to project intervention strategies. (pg. 22)
- b. Moreover, as stated on page 18 of the SCA, "any additional documentation submitted that is not required or specifically requested under the solicitation will not be considered." In addition, please see page 47 of the SCA, which lists the required documents for application submission.